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Kazunari Tonami et al.

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE  
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MEDIUM

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS AF Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005 (Paper No. 20050518),  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 40 of this paper.